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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

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Docket No.  
A-7419.RCE

In Re Application Of: **Michael HOURN et al.**

Serial No.  
09/831,355

Filing Date  
May 14, 2001

Examiner  
Melvyn J. Andrews

Group Art Unit  
1742

Invention: **METHOD FOR TREATING PRECIOUS METAL BEARING MINERALS**



TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of October 1, 2003 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☐ Two months    ☒ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: January 1, 2004  
*Date*

until: April 1, 2004  
*Date*

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	-	20 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	-	3 =	0	x \$86.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$950.00
<b>TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME</b>					<b>\$950.00</b>

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$950.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **08-2455**
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **08-2455**

  
Signature

Dated: **March 30, 2004**

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For : METHOD FOR TREATING PRECIOUS  
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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-noted application in the  
following manner: